

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended) - A method for informing prospective and existing patrons of a gaming establishment about gaming activities involving wagers currently or prospectively in place, the steps including:

posting on a wide area network, information concerning a plurality of specific gaming devices located at a site of the gaming establishment;

posting on the wide area network information on potential awards, promotions and contests available through gaming;

displaying procedures correlating specific gaming device use at the site to attain the awards, promotions and contests; and

allowing a prospective player access from a remote location to search as a function of game type, award kind, or individual player status.

Claim 2 (currently amended) - The method of claim 1 including allowing a gaming proposition, hosted by a gaming establishment, to be played on the patron's computer remote from the wide area network's locale, and rewarding success regarding the gaming proposition.

Claim 3 (original) - The method of claim 2 including rewarding success by a digital voucher.

Claim 4 (previously amended) - The method of claim 2 including rewarding success by transport of a manifestation commemorating the success by allowing a player to designate a locale.

Claim 5 (previously amended) - The method of claim 2 including rewarding success by allowing redemption of an award in person at a casino.

Claim 6 (previously amended) - The method of claim 2 including posting new games on the wide area network.

Claim 7 (currently amended) - A method for informing prospective and existing patrons of a gaming establishment, the steps including:

posting on a wide area network information on potential awards, promotions and contests available only at the gaming establishment through wagering on specific gaming devices;

allowing a prospective player access from a remote location to search as a function of game type, award kind, or individual player status;

and updating the awards, contests, and promotions as they have been changed or previously awarded through wagering.

Claim 8 (previously amended) - The method of claim 7 including providing the update on a gaming machine at a casino which is under the aegis of the gaming establishment.

Claim 9 (previously amended) - The method of claim 7 including allowing play from the remote location for an award at the network.

Claim 10 (currently amended) - A gaming system, comprising, in combination:

means for displaying awards, contests, and promotions available at a gaming establishment through wagering on a wide area network;

means for acquiring the awards, contests and promotions at the establishment through wagering using specific gaming devices;

means for replacing the acquired contests, awards and promotions with new ones; and

means for allowing a prospective or existing patron to access from a remote location information as a function of game type, award kind, or player status.

Claim 11 (original) - The system of claim 10 further including means to allow play at a player's remote site.

Claim 12 (original) - The system of claim 11 further including means to award the player as a result of said play.

Claim 13 (previously amended) - The system of claim 12 further including transport means to deliver said award to a player designated locale.

Claim 14 (original) - The system of claim 13 wherein said delivery means is a digital voucher.

Claim 15 (previously amended) - The system of claim 13 further including means for displaying said rewards, contests and promotions in the casino on a gaming machine.
